

Even if additional searching is performed, there is no serious burden on the Examiner to search the claims of Groups I and II. While a *prima facie* showing of a serious burden may be shown by separate classification, the burden may be rebutted through evidence provided by the Applicant (MPEP 803(II) "Guidelines"). Applicant respectfully submits that USPTO's own prior searches of the classes of Groups I and II by the previously assigned Examiner provide evidence showing that there is no serious burden to search Groups I and II.

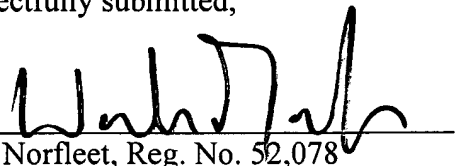
For at least the above described reasons, Applicant respectfully asserts that the Restriction Requirement is improper. Accordingly, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, this Application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this Response, that the application is not in condition for Allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney or agent at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed, and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an Extension fee that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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